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THE WEATHER TO-DAY—Cloudy.

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CRANE WILL TELL TAFT HOW "TRIO" MAY BE OUSTED

Getting Out From Under Aldrich-Cannon-Ballinger Influence.

PARTY UPHEAVAL CAUSING RUMBLE

Friends of Speaker Will See President, but Signs Point to Fact That They Will Be Won Over to Attempted Rejuvenation of Republicanism.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Beverly, Mass., August 14.—The political upheaval in the Republican party, which got its first public notice on Saturday, is likely to continue its rumbling in Beverly for a few days to come. Senator Crane, of Massachusetts, who is set down as the real leader among the new leaders of the Republican party, will be here on Tuesday. He will see President Taft then for the first time since he went West to meet Secretary of the Interior Ballinger early this month. He will have much to tell the President, not the least thing being how Mr. Ballinger is to be relieved, how Senator Aldrich was urged to reiterate his announcement that he would not run again for the Senate, and last but not least, how Uncle Joe Cannon is to be separated from the gavel of the House of Representatives. Mr. Crane has a reputation for quiet action, but the politicians think the rumble will be heard nevertheless.

Friends of Cannon. On the heels of Mr. Crane will come Vice-President Sherman and Representative Loudenslager, of New Jersey, secretary of the congressional committee on the elimination of Mr. Sherman's name from the Eastern office. Mr. Loudenslager and Mr. Sherman are both close personal friends of Speaker Cannon. Mr. Sherman, when a member of the House of Representatives, was a leader in the old Rules Committee, and was regarded as Mr. Cannon's right hand man, even before Representatives Payne or Dabell. Mr. Loudenslager has been a friend of Mr. Cannon for years, and next to Representative William C. McKinley, of Illinois, is regarded as more intimate with "Uncle Joe" than almost any man in public life. It is not expected that either Mr. Sherman or Mr. Loudenslager will look with complacency upon the elimination of Speaker Cannon. The friendship between them all has been very real, it is said. But at the same time it is predicted that they, too, will see what Mr. Crane and others seem to have seen, that the Republican ship goes into action in the fall.

Mr. Crane, Secretary to the President Norton and many others who figure in the new deal that is being arranged all are friendly to Secretary Ballinger and also to Senator Aldrich. They feel, however, that the time for the consideration of these friendships is at an end if Republican success is to be thought of. That Mr. Sherman and Mr. Loudenslager can be swung to the same view is believed possible here to-night.

Placating the West. Not only do the men who are attempting to frame a new political structure for the administration expect to remove Mr. Ballinger, Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Cannon, but it was said to-night that they hope to show the West, where the opposition is fiercest, that from now on it shall hereafter play as big a part in national affairs as does the East. With the retirement from the Senate of Mr. Aldrich the question will arise as to who shall be the administrative head of the West. It is believed that the West shall understand that it is to be considered, he is said to realize that the undented announcements of the past few days have been a victory for the insurgent wing of the party.

Mr. Crane is not in the opinion of many, so much a New Englander that he does not perceive the feelings of the West. The President himself, it was said to-day is vastly interested in the reports of the Republican party regeneration. So far he has made no comment.

Lloyd C. Griscom, president of the New York County Republican Committee, left Beverly early this morning. He went as far as Boston with Secretary Norton and Mrs. Norton in the latter's car. It is understood here that Mr. Griscom continued in the secretaryship of the New York County Republican committee, and in consequence Mr. Taft did not see his guest before he left. There were no new suggestions as to gubernatorial candidates. It was said.

Wants Hatchet Buried. The President is anxious that the party leaders in New York get together as soon as possible and do their hatchet burying before the convention days come. The question of direct primaries, the dividing issue, the leaders who have come to Beverly say, is to be decided quickly and when Mr. Griscom is to do some hustling when he returns home.

Miss Della Torrey, of Milbury, the President's aunt, came to visit him here to-night. One of the White House cars brought her over from Milbury.

AVIATION MEETS FAIL

Financial Loss Follows Flight Throughout Europe.

Paris, Saturday, August 6.—The failure of most of the aviation meets this summer has proved a great disappointment to promoters. After the tremendous success of the great meeting at Rheims last year hundreds of meetings were organized in every country in Europe, and even in Egypt. Beginning with the winter meets along the Riviera, these meetings have continued week after week in almost every large city in France. In almost every case the results for the promoters have been disastrous. Those identified with aviation place the blame, not upon haggling interest, but upon the spirit of commercialism with which aeroplaning is being exploited. Aeroplanes flights made such a vivid appeal to imagination that promoters hung up enormous purses and paid fat sums to secure the presence of the few real cracks whose exploits had astonished the world. Men like Raulhan, who fourteen months ago earned \$25 a month as a mechanic, suddenly began demanding and getting \$15,000 to \$25,000. Every pilot, whether experienced or not, wanted to excel his rival in sensational exploits in order to get money, and that was the cause of several of the fatal accidents which have marred the meetings.

The impression in France is that next year there will not be one meeting where there were thirty this year. Those interested in the development of aviation, however, believe this will be an advantage rather than a drawback. It will, they think, tend to check the recklessness of professional pilots and compel manufacturers to devote themselves to the performance of machines within safety limits.

Already they realize that the future of the aeroplanes is in their practical utility and not in their employment in sporting exhibitions, and that the improvements must be along these lines.

ROCKEFELLER GREETED AIRMAN

Shows Enthusiasm When Goodale Makes a Call in Dirigible.

Cleveland, August 14.—John D. Rockefeller threw dignity to the winds yesterday, and, wearing his top hat and cane, danced about on the lawn in front of his home like a schoolboy. He was enthusiastic when "Franklin" Goodale, an aeronaut, alighted at Forest Hill to pay his respects to him.

"Welcome, welcome, my boy," he shouted.

Goodale, after alighting, said he had just dropped down to pay his respects. "The shock to my hand warmly and invited him into the house for a take of supper, which he had left to greet the aeronaut. Goodale declined, saying, "I am here to give an exhibition in a few minutes."

"My boy, don't you fear for your life," he said. "I am not going to risk my life as you are doing for everything in the world. Don't you ever become afraid?"

"I'm glad you called," replied Mr. Rockefeller. "Come again. I wish you a safe return."

Goodale started his airship, and amid cheers from Rockefeller and his party sailed back to the park where he is exhibiting.

A NEW ALEUTIAN VOLCANO

Mount Pavlov Shooting Flames 1,500 Feet Up—Shishaldin Active.

Seattle, Wash., August 14.—Wireless reports received from the steamship Corwin confirms the news from Seward that Mount Shishaldin is again in eruption, and give the additional information that Mount Pavlov, to the east, also active.

The eruption of Mount Pavlov is even more spectacular than that of the older volcano, the flames shooting into the air to a height of nearly 1,500 feet. The volcanic action thus begins in a new place along the Aleutian group, and the officials that the Aleutian, Makushin, and Shishaldin region.

The extent of the disturbance, as shown by the latest reports sent by the Corwin, covers approximately three degrees of longitude.

ANOTHER CALL FOR HELP

Forest Fires in Northwest Are Still Raging.

Washington, August 14.—A call for additional help to fight the forest fires in the Rocky Mountains reached the forest service here to-day. The district forester at Portland, Ore., telegraphed to Washington that the situation in the Colville National Forest, in Northern Washington, on the Canadian border, had grown very bad. Additional assistance was urgently requested.

KILLED IN NATIONAL PARK

Daniel Mackay, of New York, Falls With Yellowstone Stage.

Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone National Park, August 14.—While a coach with a load of tourists was passing through Silver Gate, three miles from here, it encountered a cave-in and sank into the earth.

Daniel Mackay, of New York, who, with his wife, was touring the park, was killed. Mrs. Mackay received injuries, but her condition is not regarded as serious. Others bruised or suffering from the shock are Lester C. McKee, of Chicago, and Miss Muellet, Chicago, and W. P. Almon, of Helena, Mont.

ODELL SURE OF VICTORY

Says Republicans Will Be Harmonious at Election Time.

London, August 14.—William A. Pendergast, the Controller of New York City, and ex-Governor Odell are at the Carlton.

The latter said: "My view of the situation in New York is that the Republican party is as certain of victory as it has been in the last twenty years. There is no disturbing question. When the convention meets harmonious conditions will be prevailing."

Delivered to Turkey. Wilhelmshaven, Germany, August 14.—The old German battleship *Wiesbaden*, which was delivered to the Turkish navy to-day, and sailed for that country. They are under command of Rear Admiral Koeh, and have twenty-six Turkish officers aboard.

GAYNOR ONE STEP NEARER RECOVERY

Puts Another Day Behind Him With No Untoward Symptoms.

DOCTORS ARE ENCOURAGED

There Have Been No Signs of Dreaded Blood Poisoning. Prayers Offered in All Churches for His Restoration—Converses With Those at Bedside.

New York, August 14.—Mayor Gaynor's physicians this morning issued the following bulletin: "9:30 A. M.—The Mayor had a restful night. The improvement continues. The pulse is 68; respiration, 17; temperature, 99.3-5. Last blood examination is highly satisfactory."

"ARLITZ," "STEWART."

New York, August 14.—Midnight.—There has been no change since the last bulletin. The symptoms continue to be favorable.

(Signed) ARLITZ, DOWD.

New York, August 14.—Steadily gaining in strength and free so far from any hint of blood poisoning, Mayor Gaynor has put another day behind him, and is one step nearer recovery from the bullet wound inflicted on Tuesday by James J. Gallagher.

He rested well last night, spent a satisfactory morning, took nourishment at intervals with satisfaction, had his wound dressed early, was pronounced "looking fine" by physicians, and was resting easily to-night.

During the day his average temperature was 99 degrees, so near normal, and his functions that his surgeons are positive that no blood poisoning has developed.

Drs. Arlitz and Dowd remained on duty near his bedside to-night. Dr. Arlitz said after the issuance of the 9:30 P. M. bulletin that the cough which bothered the Mayor yesterday was less acute and gradually subsiding. Nearly all inflammation in the throat has passed away, and Dr. Arlitz pronounced the patient better in every respect. When the wound was dressed to-night, the Mayor showed no signs of irritability, and conversed cheerfully with the surgeons.

At the Hudson county jail, in Jersey City, Gallagher attended morning mass, then spent an uneventful day in his cell.

Prayers for Recovery.

Prayers for the wounded Mayor's recovery were offered universally throughout the city to-day. Protestant, Catholic and Unitarian congregations bowed their heads while clergymen prayed that he might be spared.

The Rev. Len G. Broughton, of Atlanta, Ga., at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, concluded his prayer for Mayor Gaynor with a plea for Gallagher, the assassin.

In an address before a political club to-day, former Governor Julius Harburger announced that he would present a bill to the next Legislature making an attempt on the life of a public official punishable with death, or life imprisonment, and barring the defense of insanity.

Dr. Roswell Park, one of the surgeons who attended President McKinley during the eight days before the assassin's bullet produced death, was a passenger arriving to-day on the White Star liner Cedric.

Dr. Park's thought to get well, so far as I can tell from what I have heard," he said. "The wounds sustained by President McKinley and Mayor Gaynor were entirely different in their nature, and no parallel can be drawn."

SCHOONER BLOWS UP

Four Men Killed in an Accident at Point Arena, Cal.

Point Arena, Cal., August 14.—Four men were killed late last night when the boilers of the steam schooner Phoenix blew up at sea about ten miles north of the Point Arena lighthouse. Two of the dead—Chief Engineer Thomas Houston and Second Mate Andrew Rasmussen—reached shore with the survivors of the vessel, but died this morning of their injuries. The mangled bodies of the other two, Chris Hansen and William Nicholson, floated to-night in the demolished engine room of their water logged ship as she floats at sea, a derelict.

The Phoenix, loaded with bark from Needle Rock, for San Francisco, was making her way slowly southward against a brisk wind in a choppy sea. When the explosion came Chief Officer Louis Larsen was torn from his post on the bridge and his body was sent hurtling through the air thirty feet to the deck below. The sailors forward and Captain Peter Halvorsen, seated in his cabin, were tossed about in their quarters by the force of the explosion.

With her bow well out of water, the Phoenix began to settle. Pump crews were stationed, and some of the sailors were sent into the engine and boiler rooms. Houston and Rasmussen were carried to the dock. Halvorsen and Hansen were never seen after the explosion.

Skyrocket distress signals flashing through the air attracted the Point Arena life-saving crew, who put out in a life boat. They returned with Rasmussen and Houston and several members of the crew. Captain Halvorsen and the others remained aboard, but were forced to abandon the ship at daybreak.

Assembly Meets To-Day.

Bacon, Rourke, La., August 14.—The Louisiana General Assembly will meet in extra session here to-day. The session is primarily a question of public taxation in support of the World's Fair. The session is expected to adjourn at New Orleans in 1911.

QUALEY'S DEALS ARE EXPLAINED

Mrs. Hopkins Makes Denial of Mrs. Bull's Story.

HAS FIRM BELIEF IN THE COMPANY

Woman Accused of Luring Widow of Famous Surgeon Into Swindle Comes From London to Aid Friends and Face Charges—Inspects Newark Plant.

New York, August 14.—Mrs. Ellen Dunlop Hopkins, who arrived Friday on the Lusitania, issued a statement at Newark, N. J., which gives her version of her business dealings with John A. Qualey and Harvey Wiley Corbett, promoters of the Magnesia-Asbestos Company. The two men are accused by Mrs. Mary Nevins Bull, widow of Dr. William A. Bull, of having obtained \$25,000 from her on false pretenses. Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Bull testified, brought Qualey to her as a "great mind" who would help her how to invest her money, and pledged her to keep her investment secret from her sister, Mrs. Millard Polhemus, her son, James G. Bull, and George W. Young, the executor of Dr. Bull's estate.

Mrs. Hopkins denied many of the statements of Mrs. Bull made on the witness stand, and heartily indorsed the Qualey-Corbett enterprise. She told why the banking records of Corbett's account in the Fifth Avenue Bank, where Mrs. Bull's checks were deposited, show payments to her and not to the company. She said that these payments represented the redemption of loans she made to the Magnesia-Asbestos Company. The loans, she said, were payable on demand. Her statement reads:

"Often Lent Them Money. "Some months ago I received a check from my broker for the sale of some stock, and finding that the Magnesia plant was in need of some money with which to purchase machinery, I indorsed the check (between \$4,000 and \$5,000) over to the Magnesia-Asbestos Company, as a loan. I was simply a loan, and for which I received their note, payable on demand. I did not purchase Magnesia stock with this money, because I have already invested \$20,000 in the company, and I knew that I should need this money before long. I have at various times loaned sums of money to the company, sometimes by check and sometimes by cash, all of which has been returned. I have documentary evidence of this entire matter."

"About three weeks ago, when I decided to take passage on the Lusitania, I was very busy, and I had to leave town, and asked him to arrange for my passage, and also for a small letter of credit, the amount to be taken out of my money. I was not sure I would have sufficient income until August.

"I do not recognize the right of any one to interfere with my private affairs, and I shall bring forward all the evidence necessary to look after the girl's family in England, when I was out of the country."

More Convinced Than Ever. "Since returning to this country I have had very little rest. I have made of the Magnesia-Asbestos Company's plant and its splendid machinery, and many buildings by experts, and am more convinced of its worth and the magnitude of its future development than ever."

"I do not intend to put one's money into an investment and to interest one's friends in the same in order to make money, but I believe in the investment, and was not thoroughly convinced that it was a safe and secure one."

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"I did not introduce Mr. Qualey to Mrs. Bull."

"I have never received any stock from the Magnesia-Asbestos Company other than the certificates for my \$20,000. And I have never received any financial statement from the directors or officers other than the return of the loans of my money."

Mrs. Hopkins said that she had not seen Mrs. Bull since she had left Newark for London. She said that she had been very interested in the company, and had been very interested in the plant since I saw it."

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World's Most Famous Nurse Dead



FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

NEW CHARACTERS IN CRIPPEN DRAMA

Sergeant Mitchell and Two Wardresses Arrive From London.

WILL ACT AS GUARDS REACHES NINETY YEARS

Accused Physician Declares That He Is Ready to Be Taken Back.

Quebec, August 14.—Sergeant Mitchell, of Scotland Yard, and the two wardresses from Holloway Jail arrived here to-day to help Inspector Dew take Dr. Hawley Harvey Crippen and Ethel Clare Leneve back to London to be tried, charged with the murder of her husband. The two wardresses brought with them the new characters introduced in the case stepped off the steamer Lake Manitoba at 7 o'clock this morning, and after a brief skirmish with the newspaper men, drove to the hotel, where quarters had been reserved for them.

Mitchell is a pleasant-faced young man with a fresh, English complexion. He is of average size, and there is nothing about him to suggest the sleuth. The two wardresses were quietly dressed women under middle age, and looked quite capable of taking care of any prisoner that might be entrusted to their guard. Dew joined the party yesterday when the Lake Manitoba took her pilot at Father Point.

The afternoon the quartet drove to the provincial jail, but did not see the prisoners. Dew handed Jailer Maurin a letter for Miss Leneve, brought from New York by the girl's family in England, and beyond saying that the girl would reveal nothing of its contents.

The newcomers had no message for Crippen. They inquired about the health of the prisoners and asked the jailer to have them ready to leave. New York, the fifteen-day limit has expired. When Crippen learned that Mitchell and his assistants had arrived he said to his jailer: "I am glad they have come. They cannot take me back any too soon to suit me."

When Crippen and Miss Leneve attended religious services at the jail to-day. The man heard mass in the Catholic chapel, with two armed guards at his elbow. This was the first time the girl has been able to see him.

KNAPP MAY BE A JUDGE

Chairman of Commerce Board May Preside Over Questioning Court.

Washington, August 14.—It is unofficially reported here that President Taft will appoint Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, presiding judge of the new Court of Commerce, authorized in the railroad bill passed at the last session of Congress. The report cannot be traced to its source, but it is pointed out that such an appointment would be a natural promotion for the man who has headed the commission since 1895.

Mr. Knapp has been identified with railroad affairs since 1891, when he was appointed to the commission by President Harrison. He has been steadily reappointed by all the Presidents since. He holds the confidence of Congress, and his recommendations have been accepted as authoritative by leaders of both parties.

The new court will consist of a presiding justice and four associate justices.

FOUR MEN KILLED

Equipment Train Backs Into Moving Yard Engine.

Charleston, W. Va., August 14.—Four men were killed and six injured when an equipment train backed into a moving yard engine in the Chesapeake and Ohio yards at Handley, W. Va., last night, according to reports that reached here to-day. The dead are: John W. P. Dwyer, engineman on yard engine.

Benjamin Allman, assistant train foreman.

Andrew L. Pack, coal miner.

Reuben Dean, a blacksmith.

The last named two were negroes and were riding on the equipment train.

Body Found in River. New Orleans, La., August 14.—The body of a man, believed to be George S. Thompson, of Butler, Pa., was found floating in the Mississippi River below New Orleans to-day. After shooting himself Friday, the man was seen to jump before a ferry boat. Thompson recently returned here from a trip to Panama.

Excursionists Killed. Thirty-two Men Dead When Train Crashed. Roanoke, Va., August 14.—An excursion train from Roanoke, with 1,200 passengers and running at a speed of fifty miles an hour, crashed into a freight train at Salsburg to-day. Thirty-two persons were killed and 100 injured. Many of the victims were school girls. Several of the passenger cars were torn to splinters. A misplaced switch caused the accident.

SMOKING RUINS NOW MARK SPOT OF WORLD'S FAIR

"White City" Burns, With Loss Estimated at \$100,000,000.

FLAMES DRIVEN BY WIND-STORM

Sightseers to Number of 100,000 Fight Madly for Exits, and Many Are Crushed or Injured—Not a Section of Great Show Is Saved.

Brussels, August 14.—The White City of the "World's Fair," as the Belgians have called their 1910 exposition, is to-night a mass of flames and smoldering ruins. The loss is estimated at \$100,000,000. A spark falling into inflammable material in the telegraph building burst up in flames, which, driven by a high wind, swept rapidly in all directions. Soon the Belgian, English and French sections were destroyed. The firemen and detachments of soldiers, called quickly to the scene, found themselves baffled by the veritable gale, which carried the burning embers to all parts of the grounds.

To the left of the main building arose the picturesque roofs and spires of "Bruxelles's Kermesse," a Belgian Coney Island, with water chutes, boggan slides and scores of side shows. This place was alive with Sunday crowds, and before they could be gotten out with any semblance of order the Kermesse was afire. The crowds became panic-stricken, and men, women and children fought madly to escape. The exits became choked with the struggling masses, and men used their fists to clear the pathway.

Many Are Trampled. Many were trampled under foot and badly injured. An engine corps from Antwerp attempted to dynamite the bridge of the French section, in the hope of checking the fire, but the flames leaped across and engulfed the Italian, Russian, Austrian, Japanese, Chinese and Norwegian buildings. Forty houses on the Avenue Solbosch, adjoining the exposition, were destroyed.

At the time of the outbreak not less than 100,000 persons were circulating in the grounds and the Kermesse. Troops were ordered out to aid the police in clearing the grounds. This was accomplished in fair order, except within the limits of the Kermesse, where the vast crowds became entangled in an almost inextricable mass, fighting desperately to escape from the flames.

Soon the enormous facade tumbled in ruins. Considering the rapidity of the conflagration, the small loss of life is marvelous. So far as known up to a late hour to-night, only two are dead. The injured, as officially announced, number thirty, but probably many hundreds received minor hurts.

Left to Their Fate. As the flames reached the menagerie it was decided to shoot the beasts, but the heat drove back the soldiers, and the animals were left to their fate.

Tongues of fire mounted high into the heavens, and flaming embers were carried off by the wind and fell upon the residences beyond, setting them on fire.

The fire was finally gotten under control. The Belgian and English sections are in ruins, while all the other sections, including the American, were partly destroyed.

Bands of thieves engaged in pillage, and a soldier was stabbed while attempting to arrest three men whom he found riding a jewelry exhibit.

The aggregate loss will be enormous. The diamond exhibitors are heavy sufferers.

Many jewel exhibitors were uninsured. In the French art section the priceless Gobelins, paintings and sculpture were ruined, as were the rich treasures in the English, Belgian, Persian and Turkish sections. All the archives were burned, and it will therefore be impossible to confer medals and diplomas.

The fire was due to a short circuit. In addition to the panic that prevailed in the Kermesse, there were several minor panics at other points within the grounds, and women and children were crushed down in the rush. Some of the wild animals escaped from their cages and added terror to the scene. It is believed that several of them are still at large.

Belgian's White City stood near the end of the Avenue Louise, the fashionable park drive, which hon the west side of Brussels leads out to the beautiful Bois de La Cambre. The national building, that of the Belgian section, rose majestically on a slight elevation facing the main entrance. To the left of the main building was the Ker-

'ANGEL OF CRIMEA' IS DEAD IN LONDON

Florence Nightingale, World's Most Famous Nurse, Succumbs to Heart Failure.

She Was Only Woman Who Ever Received Order of Merit.

London, August 14.—Florence Nightingale, the famous nurse of the Crimean War, and the only woman who ever received the Order of Merit, died yesterday afternoon at her London home. Although she had been an invalid for a long time, her death was somewhat unexpected. She sank gradually until 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, when an attack of heart failure brought the end. Her funeral will be as quiet as possible, in accordance with her wishes. On May 12, last, she celebrated her ninetieth birthday, and was the recipient of a congratulatory message from King George.

She studied nursing under the Protestant Sisters of Mercy at Kaiserswerth, Germany, and returned to England when the Crimean War broke out. She organized a corps of volunteer nurses, whom she recruited in the field, and was especially celebrated for her noble services at Scutari.

At the close of the war she was enabled by a testimonial fund amounting to \$250,000, to found an institution for the training of nurses. In 1908 she received the freedom of the city of London. King Edward bestowed upon her the Order of Merit, the most exclusive distinction in the gift of the British sovereign.

EL PASO'S MAYOR KILLED

Losses Life While Attempting to Save Others.

El Paso, Texas, August 14.—W. E. Robinson, Mayor of El Paso, lost his life at 9 o'clock this morning while endeavoring to ward off a number of firemen of imminent danger from a burning building. At the same time Todd Ware, a fireman, was instantly killed, and William Robinson and Dave Sullivan, also firemen, were injured, the latter perhaps fatally.

The casualties followed a fire which broke out in the store of the California Dry Goods Company and ruined it. The fire had burned for nearly seven hours and the unsafe condition of the walls so impressed Mayor Robinson that he left the sidewalk and approached the building to instruct the firemen to stop further work.

As he approached the building a large portion of brick wall fell, crushing Robinson and Ware, and knocking the other men down. Mrs. Robinson witnessed the accident from the sidewalk.

FRIGHT AT SNAKE KILLS

Farmer's Daughter Goes Into Spasm After She Is Bitten.

Laurel, Ind., August 14.—Frightened into spasms by an encounter with a couple of black racer snakes, Miss Mabel Brewington, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Harper Brewington, a prominent farmer near Bivalve, died in agony this morning.

Miss Brewington went to a neighbor's about 5 o'clock to persuade a school friend to accompany her on an excursion. On her return, when crossing the branch that divided the two farms, Miss Brewington encountered the reptiles, which showed fight.

She killed one of the snakes, but the other endeavored her waist and bit her on the arm and cheek. The frightened girl's screams brought help and the second snake was killed, but not before the unfortunate girl had lost consciousness.